

MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN
PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETING
February 3, 2022

Pennsauken Township Public Committee Meeting was held at the Municipal Building located at 5605 N. Crescent Blvd Pennsauken, NJ 08110 on Thursday February 3, 2022.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Rafeh at 6:00 pm, who also called for the Salute to the Flag, to be followed by a Moment of Silence.

Mayor announced the meeting complies with the "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act."

The meeting commenced with a roll call by the Township Clerk.

PRESENT: Committeeman Olivo, Committeeman Martinez, Committeeman DiBattista, Deputy Mayor Roberts and Mayor Rafeh.

Also, present were Township Administrator Tim Killion, Municipal Clerk Pamela Scott-Forman, Deputy Clerk Ana Matos and Solicitor Linda Galella, Esq.

NOTE: Meeting was streamed live on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reorganization - January 6, 2022
Regular meeting - January 20, 2022

Committeeman Olivo moved motion to acknowledge approval of minutes.

Committeeman Martinez seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

PROCLAMATIONS

Administrator Tim Killion presented Mayor Rafeh and Deputy Mayor Roberts letters on behalf of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, Senator Cory Booker and Legislators Louis Greenwald, James Beach and Pamela Lampitt congratulating Mayor and Deputy Mayor on making history in Pennsauken as first female leadership.

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be consent agenda

2022:80A

RESOLUTION OF THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-80, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RSC ARCHITECTS, P.A., TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTING A NEW LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

2022:81A

RESOLUTION OF THE PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING RESOLUTION 2022-81 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH T & M ASSOCIATES, TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTING A NEW LIBRARY AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>		√	√			
<i>Martinez</i>	√		√			
<i>Roberts</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

RESOLUTION(s) (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution(s) will be considered individually

2022:114

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE APPARATUS

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.139 allows local contracting units to utilize national cooperative contracts as a method of procurement of goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is a regional planning commission and political subdivision of the State of Texas operating under Chapter 391, Texas Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, H-GAC is authorized to contract with eligible entities to perform governmental functions and services, including purchase of goods and services; and,

WHEREAS, in reliance on such authority, H-GAC has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which it contracts with eligible entities under the Act; and,

WHEREAS, Township of Pennsauken has joined and is a member of the H-GAC cooperative purchasing program and is eligible to purchase goods and services available under contracts that have been duly awarded by the H-GAC; and,

WHEREAS, H-GAC has awarded a contract that was publicly advertised and bid to Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. under contract number FS12-19 for fire apparatus; and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 2011, c. 139 has recommended to the Township Committee the use of the contract awarded by H-GAC to purchase fire apparatus for the reasons of efficiency and economy; and,

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in LFN 2012-10, sets forth that a government authority must engage in a procedure that assert that cost savings benefits will be achieved, and further that the national contract entity has demonstrated that it has met appropriate New Jersey requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has engaged in a process wherein such requirements have been satisfied, and further has approved of the process as previously demonstrated by the passage of Resolution 2020:251 on October 8,2020; and,

WHEREAS, funds have been authorized and are now available for this purchase under the Capital Improvement Authorization of 2021; in addition to funds set-aside through an escrow agreement with Liberty Terminal;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken as follows:

That a purchase contract for the acquisition of one (1) pieces of fire apparatus as more specifically described in the Contract Pricing Worksheets which are attached hereto and made part hereof, by and between Township of Pennsauken and Pierce Manufacturing, 2600 American Drive, Appleton, WI 54914, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the H-GAC contract number FS12-19, be and is hereby approved and authorized.

The total amount authorized for this purchase shall not exceed \$687,956.31, less any eligible discounts that may be applied for prompt progress payments.

Funds for this purchase are available for and are being certified against the 2021 Capital Improvement Authorization and Escrow Funds from Liberty Terminal, as approved by the Township Committee.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>		√	√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

2022:115

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent solicited bids for electric golf carts for the Pennsauken Township Country Club; and

WHEREAS, at the time and place for receiving bids, one (1) bid was received from Golf Cart Services, opened, and read aloud with an Option A net cost of \$570,292 and an Option B net cost of \$516,800; and

WHEREAS, the Township was expecting cost estimates to fall within the \$300,000 - \$350,000 range; and

WHEREAS, the Township has decided to substantially revise the specifications for the golf carts; and

WHEREAS, rejection of the bids is appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (a) and (d) because the lowest bid exceeds the cost estimate for the golf carts and Committee would like to substantially revise the specifications for the golf carts; and

WHEREAS, the Township is hopeful that the project will be re-bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that all bids for the Electric Golf Carts be and are hereby rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2 (a) and (d) and the reasons expressed herein.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey at their meeting held on the Third day of February 2022.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>			√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			

No Public Wished To Comment

2022:116

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is the owner of certain surplus property as listed in Schedule A attached hereto, which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, County of Camden, State of New Jersey as follows:

- (1) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (2) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through pursuant to State Contract 19DPP00272/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at Govdeals.com and also available from the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN.
- (3) The sale will be conducted online, and the address of the auction site is <https://www.govdeals.com>
- (4) A list of the surplus property is attached hereto as Schedule “A,” and made a part hereof; and
- (5) A notice of the sale will be published in a newspaper circulating in the Township of Pennsauken.
- (6) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- (7) The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, at their meeting held in the Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110 on the Third of February 2022.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>		√	√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			

No Public Wished To Comment

2022:117

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLE ATTACHMENT AGREEMENT FOR MISCELLANEOUS ATTACHMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VERIZON NEW JERSEY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken Police Department (“Police Department”) desires to place and maintain certain decorative attachments and police security cameras to utility poles owned and maintained by Verizon New Jersey, Inc. (“Verizon”); and

WHEREAS, the certain decorative attachments include, but are not limited to, ornamental decorative lighting, flower baskets, flag holders, waste baskets, street signs, banners, boundary markers, and unmetered electric police security cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department and Verizon must enter into an agreement permitting the Police Department to install and maintain said attachments on Verizon’s utility poles (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken (“Township”) believes it to be in the Township’s best interest to authorize this Agreement since the decorative attachments will add to the Township’s welcoming atmosphere and further the Township’s commitment to safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:
 The Township is authorized to enter into an Agreement with Verizon New Jersey Inc. for installation and maintenance of certain decorative attachments and police security cameras in a form substantially similar to Exhibit A attached hereto.

The Township Administrator and/or Mayor are hereby authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary to implement and fulfill the terms of the Agreement.
 This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>					√	
<i>Martinez</i>		√	√			
<i>Roberts</i>	√		√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

2022:118

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WITH TECHNA PRO FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT SERVICE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Cherry Hill Cooperative Pricing System-ID #37-CHCP, hereinafter referred to as "Lead Agency", has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the governing body of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, authorized participation in the aforesaid Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services.

WHEREAS, Techna-Pro Electric, LLC, 100 Pike Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054, has been awarded a contract for Traffic Signal Services for the period October 2, 2021 – October 1, 2022 by the Lead Agency as part of the Cherry Hill Cooperative Pricing System-ID #37-CHCP; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken is desirous of participating with the Lead Agency for traffic signal services from the aforesaid vendor.

WHEREAS, these are for traffic signal services requiring an open-ended contract structure and the Township is not obligated to order, accept, or pay for the goods and services hereunder until an order is placed, and required certification of available funds shall be made when goods or services are ordered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Township of Pennsauken is authorized to participate with the Lead Agency in the Cooperative Purchasing to provide traffic signal services from Techna-Pro Electric, LLC, 100 Pike Road, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from January 1, 2022 through October 1, 2022.
2. That the aforesaid contract is an open-end contract permitting the purchase of items at a stated price on an "as-needed" basis, at which time certification of available funds shall be provided for each purchase by means of an encumbered purchase order, in accordance with Local Public Contracts Regulation 5:30-14.5 (c) 2ii.

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>	√		√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

2022:119

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN CAMDEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUIRING CLAIMANT CERTIFICATIONS ON CERTAIN TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS

WHEREAS, N.J. S. A. 40A: 5- 16(a) restricts payment to vendors without completed Claimant certifications on purchase orders, a Claimant or Vendor certification is a certification from the party claiming payment that the bill or demand is correct; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2018- 13 adopted new regulations on Claimant Certifications, allowing greater flexibility for local units in implementing the claimant certification requirement set forth in N. J. S. A. 40A: 5- 16(a); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Pennsauken desires to eliminate the requirement for claimant certifications for all vendors with the following exception, the advance or reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual, including sole proprietors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey to eliminate the requirement for vendor signature on Township purchase orders except for the advance or reimbursement of employee expenses, or for services provided exclusively and entirely by an individual, including sole proprietors.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Pennsauken, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, at their meeting held at the Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Boulevard, Pennsauken, New Jersey on February 3, 2022

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>	√		√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>		√	√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>			√			

No Public Wished To Comment

CONFERENCE ITEMS / ITEM OF DISCUSSION

Economic Development – Larry Cardwell

1) Agenda Items

The following two items are for the sale of the last two bloom properties in town.

7250 Westfield Ave – This application is for the sale of the property. The tenant of the property is Bergey’s Trucking, they will remain as tenants. The property is zoned LI and is in the Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Zone. The traffic light in the photo should help your orientation as the light is located at the intersection of Deroose & Westfield

- Committee agreed to move forward.

7315 Westfield Ave - This application is for the sale of the property. Bergey’s Trucking has control of the property and hopes to eventually do something at the site conducive to their business such as employee parking. The property is zoned C1 and is in the Westfield Avenue Redevelopment Zone. This property is also at the intersection of Deroose and Westfield closest to the Morrisville section, “Welcome to Morrisville” sign on the left side of the photo.

- Committee agreed to move forward.

2) Items for Discussion

Self-Storage proposal located 2932 Haddonfield Road

- No decision was made.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

Committeeman DiBattista moved motion to close floor for public hearing.

Committeeman Olivo seconded the motion.

An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

COMMITTEE COMMENT

Mayor Rafeh

- Honored to be here and our end goal is to make a difference.
- Thank you to Public Works for an excellent job with our snow removal.
- Covid testing event was postponed due to the inclement weather.
We have a video available to the public speaking on all the unfortunate events that have occurred in town recently. It is our responsibility to keep you safe and informed. Video is available on our social media platforms and our YouTube channel.
- We will have a Grand Opening of Miriam's Flowers on Westfield Ave.

Deputy Mayor Roberts

- Thank you so much to everyone who has and is supporting us. I am honored and we want to make you all proud.
- The Covid-19 testing event will be postponed to February 12 at our Soccer Complex from 9a-3p. Everyone is welcomed.
- February is Black History month, and the Pennsauken Library has a couple of events February 18 at 6:30 is the Black History Trivia and February 24 at 6:30p there is Unearthing and please visit their website for more information.
- Stay safe and Happy valentine's Day.

Committeeman DiBattista

- I am honored to be part of such amazing history. I am proud of you ladies, and I cannot wait to continue working alongside with you two and Committee.
- We have set new diversity standards and there are no limits, and I am proud and honored to be part of this in Pennsauken.
- Thank you to Public Works for an amazing job with keeping up with the snow.
- Golf Course is Twp owned and operated. Thank you to all the employees to the dedicated employees and the new Administration who is doing an amazing job.
- My prayers and best wished to one of ours, Sony DiSabato on a speedy recovery. We miss you and we cannot wait to see you in here again.

Committeeman Martinez

- Congrats to Mayor and Deputy Mayor I am honored to be a part of this Committee.
- Happy Chinese New year. It is the year of the tiger.
- Thank you to Juan Vazquez our Parks and Recreation Coordinator and to Joseph Scavuzzo Director of Public Works for getting our fields ready for Baseball and Soccer season.

Committeeman Olivo

- Honor to work alongside Mayor and deputy Mayor.
- April 2nd the Pennsauken Environmental Commission along with Parks and Recreation will have one day four location clean up 10a-1p sign up and help keep our community. For more information visit our website.
- Registration for Dogs/Cats is due by Monday and there on we will have a \$10 late fee. For more information, please contact the Clerks office.
- Stay safe and Happy Valentines Day.

RESOLUTION (PUBLIC MAY COMMENT) The Following Resolution will be considered Individually

2022:120

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENNSAUKEN TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF LITIGATION AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Motion To Adopt:

Name	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<i>Olivo</i>		√	√			
<i>Martinez</i>			√			
<i>Roberts</i>			√			
<i>Rafeh</i>			√			
<i>DiBattista</i>	√		√			

No Public Wished To Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:22 pm.

Deputy Mayor Roberts moved motion to Adjourn meeting.
 Committeeman Martinez seconded the motion.
 An affirmative 5/0 voice vote was recorded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana Matos
 Deputy Clerk

Approved: February 17, 2022